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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed July 7, 2006. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.7(a), this response was due on October 7, 2006, a Saturday, and since Monday, October 9, 2006, was a holiday under 5 U.S.C. § 6103, this response is therefore being filed on October 10, 2006. the next U.S.P.T.O. business day, thus making it a timely response. While the Applicant believes no additional fees are required in connection with this filling, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees, including extension fees, or any other relief which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our File: 463037-00080; Docket No.: A-64558-1).

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